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RE: WCDSS Employee Recognition

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The Washington County Department of Social Services held its 20th Annual Employee Recognition Day on Tuesday, April 21, 2008 at 122 N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD.

Senator Donald Munson, Deputy Secretary Stacy Rodgers from the Maryland Department of Human Resources, and David Engle, Director, addressed the employees and thanked them for the service they provide to the citizens of Washington County. Kelli Vrla, a motivational speaker, provided an inspirational message "How to Have More Fun and Get More Done".

The day's activities included an awards ceremony recognizing employees for their outstanding performance, contributions and participation in the agency's Continuous Quality Improvement Program.

Awards included the Outstanding Community Partner Awards, Agency Value Awards, Director's Award for Distinguished Service, and the Employee of the Year Award.

The Community Partner Awards are presented to individuals and agencies who supplement the work of the Department of Social Services to better meet local citizens' needs. Agency Value Awards and the Director's Award for Distinguished Service were given to employees who best reflect the Agency's values in the performance of their duties.

This year's awards were given to the following:

Community Partner Award

David Jordan, Executive Director of the Community Action Council
Kenny Barnhart, Washington County Sheriff's Department

•Martin O'Malley, Governor •Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor •Brenda Donald, Secretary

Agency Value Awards:

Collaboration - Rebecca Dick

Communication - Tiffany Bloyer

Compassion - Faye Stauch

Quality - Sharon Shafer

Director's Award for Distinguished Service

Connie Bonenberger

Employee of the Year

All WCDSS employees were recognized as Employees of the Year due to their outstanding performance during the current economic crisis.

The Washington County Department of Social Services is a field office of the Maryland Department of Human Resources under the direction of Governor Martin O'Malley, Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown, and Secretary Brenda Donald.

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